

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Library  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 13**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$2,500 in grant funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue to appropriate \$2,500 to support library outreach programs.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant period is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Susan Soy, Library Development Administrator, 974-7388; Dana McBee, Assistant Director, Library Support Services, 974-7433.

**Prior Council Action:** September 13, 2010 - Council approved the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011; Ordinance No. 20100913-002.

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This \$2,500 grant award from the National Endowment for the Humanities is part of the We The People initiative, exploring significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and advancing knowledge of the principles that define America. The initiative is designed to provide outreach programming assistance to libraries for projects that help encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

This funding provides the Austin Public Library, through participation in the "Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women" outreach program, the opportunity to collaborate and engage with multiple constituencies interested in the nation's history, local history, the arts, and culture. The community, while learning about Louisa May Alcott through suggested readings, film documentary, lectures and discussions, will explore classic American literature, history, and customs.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.